

**Regulations of the "CS GRANTS" competition relating to scientific projects carried out by 2<sup>nd</sup>-year students in Cognitive Science at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń as part of the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme (IDUB)**

1. The "CS GRANTS" competition is organized as part of the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" (IDUB) programme, in which the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (hereinafter referred to as the NCU) was awarded a status of a Research University by virtue of the decision of the Minister of Science and Higher Education.
2. The main organizer of the competition is the Department of Cognitive Science of the Nicolaus Copernicus University.
3. The rules of the "CS GRANTS" set out principles and procedures for granting funds for a student's research as based on an internal competition.
4. The organizer has provided for two editions of the competition per year, starting from the summer term of the academic year 2022/23 until expiry of the Cognitive Science realized as part of the Excellence Initiative - Research University programme at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń.
5. The dates of individual editions of the competition will be published at the beginning of the academic year on the website of the Cognitive Science.
6. The objective of the "CS GRANTS" competition is to support students' scientific initiatives. The competition promotes scientific activities undertaken by students during their studies in the Cognitive Science (such as participation in conferences, scientific grants or publication of papers) as well as preparation of students' own scientific projects pursued under the supervision of an academic supervisor. A scientific project should include specification of the subject of the project, its objectives and the method of implementation.
7. The competition is addressed to 2<sup>nd</sup>-year students of the Cognitive Science at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń.
8. An applicant in the competition may be one person only.
9. A student may submit only one application for one edition of the competition.
10. An applicant may be awarded with the maximum amount of PLN 4 000 in the form of a grant as based on a submitted research project.
11. Applications for the competition should be prepared in line with the appendix No. 1 to these rules. Applications should be sent to the following e-mail address: [arkadiusz.gut@umk.pl](mailto:arkadiusz.gut@umk.pl).
12. A complete application prepared in English should include:
  - a) Full details of applicants (name, surname, date of birth, subject and year of study, telephone number, e-mail address from USOS system)
  - b) Description of a student's own research project (the project may be related to his/her master's degree thesis) with a signature of the student's academic supervisor.

- c) Description of the research plan (presenting tasks, which the student intends to carry out as part of the project, for which the grant funds will be allocated, e.g. pilot research, research trips, purchase of materials, trips to foreign scientific conferences)
- c) The list of a student's achievements to date: publications, grants, conferences, participation in research teams and applications filed.
13. The course of the competition:
- a) Applications submitted will be evaluated with respect to their formality and contents by the Competition Commission appointed by the Head of the Department of Cognitive Science of the Nicolaus Copernicus University, which shall be composed of the Head of the Department of Cognitive Science of the Nicolaus Copernicus University and those appointed by him/her. The composition of the Competition Committee will be announced together with announcement of the competition.
- b) As far as formal requirements are concerned, the principle of "meeting/not meeting" the same shall be applicable.
- c) Applications which do not meet the formal requirements shall not be evaluated with respect to their contents. An applicant may be requested to complete the application within the time limit set by the Competition Committee.
- d) For the purposes of evaluation with respect to contents, the score scale of 0-25 shall be adopted.
- e) When evaluating applications, the commission shall consider the substantive value of a research project (up to 10 scores), the research plan (up to 4 scores) and a student's previous scientific achievements (up to 11 scores).
- f) The list of winners will be published on the website: [https://kognitywistyka.umk.pl/pages/cognitive\\_science/](https://kognitywistyka.umk.pl/pages/cognitive_science/).  
Decisions and the evaluation form constituting the appendix No. 2 will be sent by e-mail to the address provided in the application form.
14. Winners of the competition shall receive financial support in the form of a grant to be allocated for its implementation.
15. A project or trip should be realized within 6 months from receipt of an authorization to use funds to be allocated for implementation of the same. Academic supervisors shall be authorized to use the funds.
16. In order to file an application, a student is obliged to comply with the procurement procedures laid down in the current Public Procurement Rules. However, in order to go on a trip to attend a foreign conference or competition, a student is obliged to obtain all approvals in accordance with the current procedures of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Regulation No. 15 of the Rector of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń as of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 on foreign trips of employees, doctoral students and students of the University Nicolaus Copernicus in Toruń)
17. The Competition Committee reserves the right to interfere with budgets of applications filed.